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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting between Director and Representative Louis Stokes (D., Ohio), Chairman, House Select Committee on Assassinations

1. (U/IUO) The Director met with Representative Louis Stokes (D., Ohio), Chairman, House Select Committee on Assassinations, in accordance with correspondence that they had exchanged in late May and early June of this year.

2. (U) Present from the Select Committee were:

Richardson Preyer (D., N.Car.) - In charge of the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy
Samuel L. Devine (R., Ohio) - Ranking Minority Member
Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy (D., D.C.) - In charge of the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King

3. (U) Present from the Committee staff were:

G. Robert Blakey - Chief Counsel and Staff Director
James Wolf - Legal Unit Counsel

4. (U) Accompanying the Director were:

Sidney Stembridge, Deputy Director of Security
George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel
Douglas T. Cummins, Assistant Legislative Counsel

5. (C) Chairman Stokes opened the meeting thanking the Director for suggesting the meeting and for the cooperation that the Committee had had from the Agency. The Director responded to the Chairman by stating that he wished the Agency to be fully cooperative with the Committee and gave the

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Chairman his personal assurance in this regard. The subject of the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was introduced by the Director and after several exchanges, Mr. Blakey noted that he felt these agreements could be worked out by September. Both the DCI and the Chairman expressed strong interest in having this accomplished in a much shorter time. The subject of security--specifically leaks to the press--was also discussed and both sides agreed that every effort would be made to avoid such a problem. The meeting broke up after about 20 minutes with expressions of good will and pledges of cooperation from all parties.

3. (U/IUO) After the meeting, Mr. Blakey and Mr. Wolf approached Messrs. Cary, Stembridge and the undersigned, and it was agreed that we would have Mr. Blakey out to the CIA Headquarters in the very near future for orientation and to discuss the NDA and MOU.

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